GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2003
CONDITION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN WEST BENGAL
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of poor condition of National Highways passing through West Bengal;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for proper maintenance of the National Highways in the country especially in West Bengal;

(c) whether the maintenance of National Highways in West Bengal could not be taken up due to resource crunch; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B KHANDURI)

(a)&(b) Out of total length of 2007 Km of National Highways in the state ofWest Bengal, riding quality of a length of 900 km has been improved during the last two years. A length of 771Km has been taken up for Four laning under NHDP

(c)&(d) As against a requirement of Rs.39.58 crores for Maintenance and Repairs of National Highways inWest Bengal, Rs.15.09 crore could be made available during the current year. National Highways are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.